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'It's not a competition'

Ivy Tech enrollment surges, dwindles at PUC

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

For years regional universities like PUC and Indiana University Northwest have been looked at as the stepping stones to higher education in the Region. These regional blends of reputable four-year institutions and community colleges had been the predominant method of many in Northwest Indiana attaining affordable higher education.

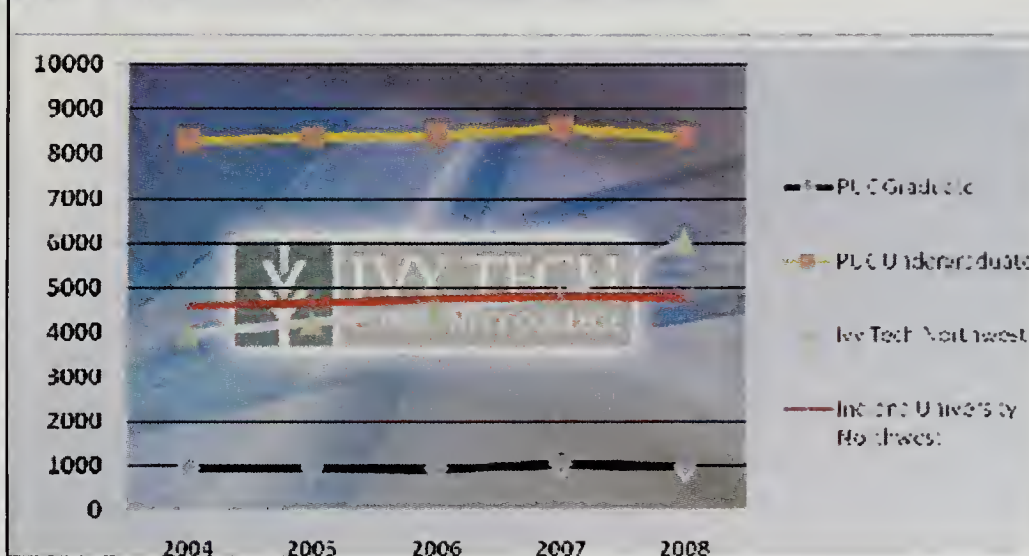
Now surging enrollment at Ivy Tech Community College over the past few years is proving that many students are choosing community college as their entry point to higher education over these regional universities.

Ivy Tech boasted record enrollment numbers for the fall semester, with 86,130 students statewide, an 11 percent increase, and 6,050 for the Northwest Indiana region, a 12 percent increase. Ivy Tech's shift from a technical school to a legitimate college, with 23 campuses statewide, in the last five years is now making regional universities change their focus and community colleges transform into major players of higher education.

Enrollment numbers

Enrollment numbers in the Region jumped 12 percent compared to last fall with the opening of their campus in Valparaiso. But it wasn't just Valparaiso. The Gary campus saw a 50 percent jump

Fall enrollment for local schools



from 1,612 students to 2,413 students.

Since 2005, Ivy Tech grew faster than any university in the state. In 2005 Ivy Tech enrolled 65,300 students compared to this year's 86,130.

Regional universities experienced much less success.

PUC's enrollment neither grew nor shrunk by more than 3 percent in the last five years. Enrollment dwindled from 9,607 students last fall to 9,325 students this fall.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said these numbers are deceptive since more full-time students are enrolled and the number of billed credit hours is higher than ever.

Over 62 percent of PUC students attend classes full-time, a major success according to Cohen. He said more PUC students are seeking baccalaureate degrees rather than taking a few classes to develop skills or suspending their education after attaining an associate degree.

Likewise, IUN posted lower student enrollment this semester, but higher credit hours and full-time students.

Changing campuses

Ivy Tech Northwest Chancellor

Lupe Valtierra is eyeing areas in south Lake County for more expansion and with tuition costing half as much at Ivy Tech compared to PUC and IUN. She is optimistic about continued growth.

"It's not a competition between us and regional universities," Valtierra said. "We cater to different students."

Valtierra said students at Ivy Tech often consider cost and gaining skills for a career before gaining a liberal arts education, although he said many students end up transferring to PUC or IUN after Ivy Tech.

Under the direction of Ivy Tech President Thomas Snyder, Ivy Tech now offers more than 150 programs statewide, including associate programs in nursing, education and accounting. He said Ivy Tech operates in a partnership with many satellite campuses by feeding them quality transfer students after two years, many of whom wouldn't have considered a four-year institution before community college.

As Ivy Tech offers more associate degrees, campuses like PUC are cutting them. PUC recently cut the associate program in nursing and are outsourcing remedial classes to Ivy Tech professors, ac-

cording to Anne Agosto-Severa, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment services at PUC.

PUC currently refers students who need remedial classes in English and Math to Ivy Tech, according to Agosto-Severa. Students can stay enrolled in PUC while they improve their grades, but some elect to become Ivy Tech students.

This helps PUC eliminate redundant programs and focus on higher academics, especially expansions to masters programs, said Agosto-Severa.

"It's really helping us become a more traditional campus," she said.

Agosto-Severa said PUC's relationship with Ivy Tech is complimentary by assisting students with academic difficulties and with those who may want to enter the workforce after two years.

Both Cohen and Snyder dislike the thought of PUC and Ivy Tech being in competition.

"We have partnerships with everyone in the state to provide those first two years or refresher courses that allow them to transfer to a four-year [university] and be successful," Snyder said. "It's important for the state's success."

Security guard killed at local bar



Chronicle photo by Brian Bultema
McTaverns, located four blocks southwest of campus, was the site of a homicide last week.

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

McTavern's security guard Eric Lowe was shot last Sunday morning while escorting several customers outside.

The bar and deli, located four blocks southwest of PUC on Indianapolis Boulevard, is a frequented lunch stop and night spot for many student and faculty.

Several men were asked to leave the establishment after a dispute at 3 a.m., according to a Northwest Indiana Times report. Witnesses in the bar reported hearing shots fired.

Co-workers found the 40-year-old security guard lying in the alley just north of the establishment.

Lowe was taken to Community Hospital in Munster, according to the Times report.

He was pronounced dead by the Lake County coroner's office of multiple gunshot wounds soon after. The office has ruled the death as a homicide.

The Hammond Police Department is still searching for a suspect in the homicide.

Detective Zeke Hinojosa declined to comment if there were any suspects or leads as of Sunday. Hinojosa's office can be reached at (219) 852-2971 for those who may have information on the death of Lowe.

Panel tackles U.S., Iran relations

Calvin Davis
News Editor

Three experts, gathering to discuss U.S. and Iran relations, agreed Thursday that Iran should be viewed as a rational nation and the next U.S. President should arrange to talk with its leaders.

The panel, held at The Calumet Conference Center, consisted primarily of professors including Richard Rupp, associate professor of political science and head of the Department of History and Political Science at PUC. Christopher Preble, director of foreign policy studies at the Cato In-

stitute, and professor Peter Kirstein of St. Xavier University rounded out the group of experts.

All panelists represented a similar anti-war mindset, although New York Sun reporter Eli Lake intended to attend the event to offer an alternate perspective.

A central issue to the panel was Iran's image and their status as a rational and major power in the Middle East. America's foreign policy under the Bush Administration was criticized a number of times in regard to its hypocritical

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Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Moderator Yahya Kamalipour awaits answers on Iran from panelists Christopher Preble of the Cato Institute, PUC professor Richard Rupp and St. Xavier professor Peter Kirstein.

ADMINISTRATIVE update

Student Counseling Center, Student Health Services Center are here to serve you

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) and the Student Health Services Center (SHSC) are part of the Health, Recreation and Sports division of Student Affairs. The staff of both offices seeks to be helpful, accessible and friendly responding to medical and mental health concerns of students.

Additionally, the SCC and SHSC work closely responding to students requiring certain types of psychotropic medications. Following is more information about each Center.

The Student Counseling Center

The Student Counseling Center (Gyte 5, 989-2366) provides such services as personal, couple and family counseling; career counseling; workshops; seminars; outreach; and self-help information.

Recent staff accomplishments

Counselor Ryan N. Parsons-Rozycki, M.S., passed the Indiana Licensed Mental Health Counselor Exam and is a licensed LMHC in Indiana.

Secretary Sandra Montalvo received the Employee of the Month (April 2008) award from the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

New personnel

Thomas Sak, B.A., is working as a graduate assistant; Fallon Kimble, B.A., is a counselor intern.

Instruction & more information

EDPS 490--A CAREER AND LIFE PLANNING LAB is now available to ALL JUNIORS and SENIORS. Students complete a personal assessment of their values, skills personality traits, interests, life goals and life roles. They also gain an understanding of their personal and professional journey within the context of young adult development theory.

Website: <http://webs.calumet.purdue.edu/counseling/>

Visit the Student Counseling Center website, for links to self evaluation and other information relating to mental health concerns. Also see

Ulifeline (www.ulifeline.org/schools/puc) and **Half of Us** (www.halfofus.com), both created by the Jed Foundation.

The Student Health Services Center

Located in Room 34 of the Gyte Annex, this Center offers students primary care and prevention services. Such services include general physicals, as well as physical exams for nursing students and members of PUC athletic teams.

Also provided are gynecological exams, screening for Sexually Transmitted Illnesses STIs, laboratory analysis, minor surgical procedures, health screening and education. Students requiring further treatment receive referrals to local health care professionals.

This fall, the Student Health Services Center is open: Mondays (7am to 3pm), Tuesdays (11am to 5pm), Wednesdays (9am to 3pm), Thursdays (1pm to 7pm), and Fridays (7am to 11am).

150% increase in student visits

During the 2007-08 academic year, the SHSC experienced a 150 percent increase in student visits from the previous academic year. Based on similar residential/regional universities, it was predicted that that use of our facility would grow gradually over a five-year period.

Student satisfaction and affordable, convenient primary health care have contributed to the Center's success and popularity. Based on a survey conducted in 2007-08 by **Student Voice**, 96 percent of students who received care at the SHSC indicated they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the services they received.

Affordable office visits

An office visit costs \$20 and is billed directly to your Purdue Calumet student account. Students can schedule follow-up appointments at no cost. Immunizations and testing performed at the Center are provided at cost. For more information, visit on line:

<http://webs.calumet.purdue.edu/healthcenter/>.

What's Going On? A Look Around...

Music Lunch Series

Student activities will be hosting an installment of their Music Lunch Series featuring former Epic and current indie recording artist Rachel Loy. The event will take place at the Oaken Arbor Café in SUL on September 29 beginning at 11 a.m.

Free Fruit Shake Ups

Got Fruit? Free fruit shake ups will be given out by Student Activities in the CLO Concourse on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The giveaway is set to begin at 2 p.m. and last until 6 p.m. or while supplies last.

Lunchtime Karaoke

First half of the semester got you stressed? Relive a little during Lunchtime Karaoke on October 2 in SUL Calumet Falls. The music starts at 12 p.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Career Services

Resume and cover letter review sessions are being offered during the week in SUL Room 349. Sessions will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesday at Noon and 6 p.m. and Thursday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

CCO Walk-In Sessions

PUC students can register to use the Career Services job resource at the West Lafayette campus. Every Tuesday at 3 p.m. there will be a walk-in session with instructions on how to do so. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes.

SUL Concourse Employer Visit

Enterprise will be on campus October 1st to conduct informal recruiting from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Fine Arts Student Association

The Fine Arts Student Association is calling all painters, writers, photographers, musicians and graphic artists to join their organization. All Purdue students, aspiring artists and alumni are welcome to take advantage of the free membership.

Clothing Drive for Flood Victims

Those interested in assisting flood victims can do so by dropping off supplies at the McNair Office, Student Support Services or the SUL-Concourse until Nov. 1.

Wheels of Justice

Wheels of Justice, a non-violent organization against the occupation of Iraq and Palestine, will be hosting an event sponsored by the Social Justice Club on Tuesday Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m. The event will be held in Potter 234.

Therapy Available for Flood Victims

PUC's Couple and Family Therapy Center is offering individual, couple and family therapy to victims of the northwest Indiana floods.

Therapy is free of charge and appointments can be made by contacting the CFC at (219) 989-2027 or 800/HI PURDUE, ext. 2027

International Film Series

PUC's International Film Series continues on Tuesday, Sept. 30 with a showing of "4 luni, 3 saptamani si 2 zile," (4 Months, 3 Weeks, & 2 Days), a Romanian film about an abortion and negotiations necessary for survival in the final days of the Soviet bloc (Classroom Office Building, room 110).

All films are presented in their original language with English subtitles. A faculty-led discussion will take place before and after each film viewing.

Admission to the film is free

Los Latinos Movie Showing

Los Latinos will be showing a movie as part of their Hispanic Heritage Month activities. The movie will be shown in the TV room of SUL on Oct. 1. There will be two separate viewing times for the movie at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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Midwest College Fair



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson
Patricia Wray Grady and Maureen Harangody offer information about PUC during the Midwest college fair, held in the Fitness and Recreation Center on Wednesday. Over 50 colleges were present at the event.

Residential students ask... Where is my parking fee going?

Steven VanderVelde
Chronicle Correspondent

Wei Wei Zhao walks to class every day, using the parking lot as a mere sidewalk.

"We don't have a car, but we need to pay money for other students who do," said WeiWei Zhao, an international student in the English language program at PUC.

International students, who don't have cars, or even a license, are being charged parking fees each semester even though they never use the parking lot. With at least half of all international students being without a car, they find the fee to be unfair.

"I pay \$57 each semester for something that doesn't apply to me," Xiang Cao, a computer engineering major, said. "The amount is nothing to many people, but for people who can't afford a car, it is a lot of money. I could use it to help buy textbooks."

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Ken Johnston, said every student is charged an amount of generic fees. Some students may use something in excess of what they pay for it, and they may pay an excess for something else they use less, such as library fees and printing fees, also charged to every student. For example, an international student may pay for parking they don't use, but they may use the library much more than another student who pays library fees, but never uses the library. It is a tradeoff, according to Johnston.

Johnston said, "parking fees are not only used to maintain the

lots and pay debt services on the parking garage, but they also fund transportation like the Peregrine Express, which many international students do use."

Cao said he scarcely uses the Peregrine Express, since it is hard to fit in the bus schedule with classes; and one has to be on campus or on a limited route to use it.

Some of the international students are unaware of the parking fee's existence in their tuition bills, but those who have found the charge in their semester bill are outraged.

"If they're going to be charging people unfairly, at least do some remodeling in the lot, some bigger parking spaces would be nice," said

Heather Ytsma, a political science major who is not an international student.

"Nearly all of the students here have cars, but most of us don't," said Teng Ma, an engineering major. "It is a good amount of money to be charged for something I will

never use. I really hope somebody could help with this so we don't have to pay this unnecessary bill."

Many of the international students believe this problem could be solved by renovating how the parking lot works. Some think only students with a license should be charged. Others propose the purchase of parking passes to allow students to park in the campus lots.

"It is an easy solution," said Cao. "Give students a pass to manage the lot. The police can drive around to check if people parking there have a pass. Right now, anybody can just park there. This way, only the people using the lot are charged for it. It solves all the problems."

A breakdown of PUC student fees (Per semester)

Student Parking Fee: \$57

Student Service Fee: \$61.80

Technology Fee: \$87.60

Repair & Rehabilitation Fee: \$35.40

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Cleaning up Your Inbox

It's been a common issue since the advent of the internet, e-mail storage space. Whether it's spam, pictures, class assignments, or just sheer volume clogging up your inbox, we've got some tips to help you manage your messy messages.

Quick tips

- Delete junk and irrelevant messages. Do not just leave them in your Inbox.
- After you read a message that does not require an action on your part, it should be deleted or filed immediately.
- Empty your Junk E-Mail daily
- Empty your Sent Items daily.
- Empty your Deleted Items daily. Items in your deleted mail still count towards your size limit.
- Check your Large Items folder. Large files can quickly eat up inbox space.
- Set the Deleted Items folder to automatically be emptied every time you close Outlook by going to Tools > Options > Other and then checking the box next to Empty the Deleted items folder upon exiting.
- Check your folder size. Go to Tools > Mailbox Cleanup > View Mailbox Size to help you find problem spot.

There are also ways to automate your mailbox to make maintenance easier. Next week we will be going over how to use these automations. As usual, if you have any questions, call 989-2888 option 2.

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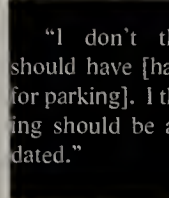
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Should students have to pay for student parking even if they don't have a car at the time they pay?



Ike Obi
Freshman
Business
Management

"I don't think it's necessary. I think it should be optional."



Jarriid Bradley
Freshman
ECT

"I don't think you should have [have to pay for parking]. I think parking should be accommodated."



Bianca Santiago
Freshman
English Education

"I think it's ridiculous if we don't have a car."

Hammond mayor addresses students

McDermott speaks on leading under pressure

Andrea Drac

Chronicle Correspondent

Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. spoke to students about leading in the public eye on Tuesday as part of the Inspired Leaders Series.

The Inspired Leaders Series is a program geared toward leadership.

"Don't expect people to respect you just because you're the boss," McDermott said. He urged those in attendance to be good role models and communicate honestly but not to expect people to give respect just because you're the boss.

Most of the students present were part of a leadership course on campus and had their own expectations about the speech.

"I really want to hear about how perceives the public," junior Pat Magerski, a history major, said. "I also want to see how a person in the public eye reacts to certain situations."

While McDermott's focused on operating as a public leader, he also discussed the personal side to being a leader.

A student asked how someone with this type of job could hold

back emotions.

"Let me tell you, it's one of the toughest parts of my job," McDermott said.

He told the group about firing the former Hammond chief of police for doing a poor job.

"He was one of my closest friends," McDermott said. "But I had to let him go. I ended up losing a friend, but when you're in politics you'll always find yourself in ethical dilemmas. You've just got to believe in what you're doing."

Another student asked about how he knew just when to act in an emergency, leading McDermott to discuss the recent flooding in the Region and how important reaction was to minimize the damage.

"The point of the Inspired Leaders Series is to help students become better leaders," Rick Riddering, vice chancellor for student development, said. "I want differing opinions on the topics from the students and in turn, it will help them become good leaders."

Riddering also feels that it was beneficial for college students to hear speeches on leading in the public eye.

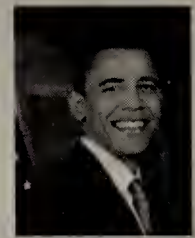
"Anything that students can do to improve leadership, they should do it," Riddering said.



Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz
Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. states the stresses of making public decisions like firing the chief of police of Hammond.

Your candidates, Your issues

This week's issue:
Tax reform



Senator Barack Obama

• **Provide a Tax Cut for Working Families:** Obama and Biden will restore fairness to the tax code and provide 150 million workers the tax relief they need. Obama and Biden will create a new "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to \$500 per person, or \$1,000 per working family. The "Making Work Pay" tax credit will completely eliminate income taxes for 10 million Americans.

• **Provide \$50 billion to Jumpstart the Economy and Prevent 1 Million Americans from Losing Their Jobs:** This relief would include a \$25 billion State Growth Fund to prevent state and local cuts in health, education, housing, and heating assistance or counterproductive increases in property taxes, tolls or fees. The Obama-Biden relief plan will also include \$25 billion in a Jobs and Growth Fund to prevent cutbacks in road and bridge maintenance and fund school re-pair-all to save more than 1 million jobs in danger of being cut.



Senator John McCain

• **Cut The Corporate Tax Rate From 35 To 25 Percent:** A lower corporate tax rate is essential to keeping good jobs in the United States. America was once a low-tax business environment, but as our trade partners lowered their rates, America failed to keep pace. We now have the second highest corporate tax rate in the world, making America a less attractive place for companies to do business. American workers deserve the chance to make fine products here and sell them around the globe.

• **Keep Tax Rates Low:** Entrepreneurs are at the heart of American innovation, growth and prosperity. Entrepreneurs create the ultimate job security - a new, better opportunity if your current job goes away. Entrepreneurs should not be taxed into submission. John McCain will keep the top tax rate at 35 percent, maintain the 15 percent rates on dividends and capital gains, and phase-out the Alternative Minimum Tax. Small businesses are the heart of job growth; raising taxes on them hurts every worker.

Sources: barackobama.com and johnmccain.com

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and, at times, inaccurate portrayal of Iran.

Kirstein was often the most vocal in his criticisms.

"Part of the inherent racism of the U.S. in its pursuit of global hegemony is to describe the most demonic characteristics of those who dare speak up against it," Kirstein said. "We [the U.S.] are probably the most irrational major power in the world since World War II."

While Rupp wasn't completely critical of the United States, he fundamentally agreed with Kirstein's assessment.

"I consider it perfectly rational that Iran is seeking weapons of mass destruction...to deal with a threat from outside," Rupp said.

Another issue tackled by the panel was whether or not the United States should negotiate directly with Iran, a topic currently hovering over the presidential campaign. All three panelists agreed Bush Administration's isolation policy failed.

"We have isolated Iran for over 28 years," Rupp said. "It matters a

great deal that we haven't been getting along with Iranians since theirs is an extraordinarily important and powerful state. We need to develop dialogue and we need to do it soon."

Asked about his advice for the next U.S. President, Preble made it clear that negotiations with Iran would simply be a starting point.

"Negotiations are not an end point; they're a means to an end which I think should be Iran committing to not pursuing nuclear weaponization."

Overall, panelists expressed a rather sympathetic view towards

Iran, stating that while Washington and Tehran may differ, the citizens of each country have common interests.

"The people of these countries have common interests - peace, security, open borders, free trade," Kirstein said. "The governments do not

The panel discussion, held the night before the first presidential debate, was moderated by Yahya Kamalipour, director of the Center for Global Studies and head of the department of communication and creative arts at PUC.

Kamalipour plans to remain

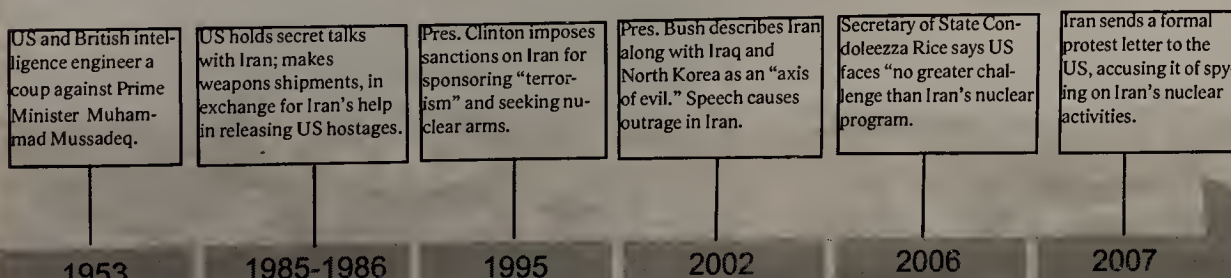
active in bringing similar panels to PUC.

"My goal is to organize at least one public presentation each year that would bring together experts from throughout the nation to debate a crucial issue of our time."

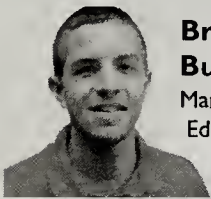
He sees the free flow of information as a key component in understanding issues of the world.

"Without having constructive dialogue and sufficient information...we cannot make the right decisions or effectively participate in the democratic process," Kamalipour said.

Events that changed U.S., Iran relations



Why Palin can't be taken seriously



Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

You can't blame Sarah Palin for her lack of knowledge on complicated issues, such as foreign policy or the current financial crisis. If I lived in Alaska I wouldn't think about these issues much either. In rural areas it just seems less relevant.

But as the potential vice president, her lack of understanding on many national issues is troubling.

After her interviews with Charles Gibson and Katie Couric, it is clear why the McCain campaign kept Palin away from the press for so long. Granted, both Gibson and Couric grilled her while interviews with Joe Biden were filled with softball questions. But Biden has been a public figure for decades, while Palin made her way into the limelight only in the past few weeks.

She struggled to explain her stance on the Wall Street bailout, denied her support of the Bridge to Nowhere and used her proximity to Russia to claim foreign policy experience in these interviews.

Worst of all, she failed to recall a single bill John McCain stood for proving he was a Washington reformer for more regulation of Wall Street.

"I'll try to find some for ya' and I'll bring 'em to 'ya," she said.

Now I'm not a diehard Democrat. I try to consider candidates separate from party lines. But the step from a state with a population of 670,000 isolated from the rest of the country to the second highest position of the most powerful nation is incomprehensible. Palin makes Barack Obama look like a veteran.

It is clear from these interviews McCain's advisors are scrambling to inform her of everything she may need to know as vice president. She consistently references McCain's maverick record, whatever that may mean, and says how she has been a force of change by reducing earmark requests. This may fly well at a stump speech in Pennsylvania, but when she must formulate reasoned explanations of political policies, she sounds more like a hockey mom than a world leader.

Her selection as a running mate is really about the sheer recklessness of putting someone in the White House that can barely talk about national and international issues let alone interpret them. It's about using a woman as a political ploy to win votes rather than choosing a seasoned running mate who can help create policies.

I would advise every voter to look at the transcripts of Palin's interviews with Gibson and Couric. They are shocking and revealing of the many issues she must become an expert on in a matter of months.

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Campus roles

The issue: Changing academic programs

Our opinion: Ivy Tech presence makes PUC stronger by eliminating some associate degrees and remedial education classes.

Is education outsourcing good for students?

Two common terms today are downsizing and outsourcing. Many companies in the United States downsize then outsource the jobs that are eliminated. It happens in many sectors of business from help desk services, manufacturing, data storage, credit holding companies and now education.

PUC too is refocusing on the education it offers. Several years earlier PUC offered what were called "double zero" classes for students who needed a stepping stone to general education courses.

Now PUC outsources these classes in Math and English programs by referring students to Ivy Tech Community College. PUC also cut the associates degree option in nursing and are considering other cuts. These programs are now used by community colleges.

These changes are good for

several reasons. First, this breaks the view that a lot of people in northwest Indiana have of PUC. The university is known to Region students as an extension of high school, a campus hardly glorified above a community college.

But at present this is not true. The addition of student housing, the many baccalaureate and master degree programs and the number of full-time students are all increasing. PUC is just trying to break away from the commuter college image. It is becoming a typical four-year university offering an exceptional education.

Second, PUC is realizing one-semester students who pay their tuition money and bail aren't worth the time. In the past it seemed foolish to turn away such easy money. But the focus on raising graduation rates now is commendable. More students finishing what they started by graduating with a baccalaureate degree adds credibility to PUC.

Third, is the refining of mar-

kets. There is a slow growing realization among high school guidance counselors, high school students and their parents that a four-year university might not be for them. And certainly its not for everybody. Liberal arts educations require an interest in learning in general and if a student would like to simply learn a skill then the traditional academic setting doesn't apply to them.

Indiana gubernatorial hopeful Jill Long Thompson said at a recent debate there is a lack of skilled workers and that vocational training is a central lacking service in Indiana.

Again, Ivy Tech comes into play here. With the realization that a four-year degree is not for them, students must be educated somewhere. Instead of clogging the system at PUC, more students are realizing a liberal arts education is not completely essential to succeeding in a career.

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Why?

Bad moments in my learning experience



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Entering the final spin on my schooling merry-go-round (I promise mom and dad, this is my final year). I've encountered my fair share of the good and bad: Teachers that is.

We're all well aware of the impact those people standing in the front of the classroom have on us. It's a tough gig, and they are definitely underpaid and underappreciated.

But for all those great educators, like my first grade teacher who taught me to read or my communication professor who taught me about the canons of rhetoric, there is the equally bad. I thought I'd use this space to shine the light on those lacking at this profession.

As if they didn't already have enough free time on their hands, I had an eighth grade English teacher, picture this, give his spelling bees on a tape recorded cassette with creepy music in the background. I'm not kidding, the old guy hadn't even changed the lessons for about 20 years, because as I'm trying to remember if the I comes before the E, I have a late '70s Bee Gees hit playing in the background.

Lesson plans are supposedly what a teacher prepares before class and then tries to execute. Well, not my foreign language teacher here at PUC. Frantically walking into the classroom a good 10 minutes late everyday, she plopped down her stuff on the table and asked us what we wanted to do. To top it off, she let us grade our own tests including the final, which, ironically, had more eraser marks than normal. That's muy bueno, right?

Between his smoke breaks in the parking lot or time spent flirting with the cheerleaders, my senior year U.S. Government teacher had a pretty effortless day at the job. He let us know we would be able to use the book if we wanted for tests. Apparently the three branches of government or how a law is passed isn't that relevant to U.S. citizens. That stuff is over-rated anyways.

Ring, ring. "Hold on class, let me take this call real quick, I'll be back in five minutes. You guys just keep reading that book." Oh, don't mind us. Certainly we're not as important as your personal call. This scene happened not once, but three times throughout a semester a year ago from this English professor.

With all that being said, the good teachers have far outweighed the bad and the bad have really made the whole experience more meaningful and supplied a lot of laughs to look back on for sure.

Have feedback? Readers can contact at Ryan at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Second City strikes again

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

Laughter and memorable moments filled Alumni Hall this past Friday, when the Second City Touring Company blew through town in a whirlwind performance of their six-person sketch and improvisational comedy act.

The Alumni Hall stage was set in a minimalist perspective, with six wooden chairs, all with the ability to become whatever it was that the actors wanted them to be. The black curtain backdrop helped accentuate whatever was in front of it, allowing the viewers eye to stay fixated on the crazy antics of the three comedians and three comedienes.

The 90 minute performance was given a theme: truth. Divided into two sections, the first 45 minutes of the show asked the question, what would happen if people just told the truth? This segment included sketches such a newly engaged couple and a group of friends playing "two truths, one lie," with hilarious results ensuing, as well as short sketches that were to the point and direct, giving the audience a quick chance to laugh out loud.

The second 45 minute section followed through with its theme, but this time focusing more on what would happen if people in life were more blunt, rather than just truthful. This section brought upon sketches about nuns with potty mouths, an all to willing to tell the truth Secretary of State, and what might happen when two couples play the game "Win, lose, or draw." The ending of the show brought out more of a possibility for the audience to interact with the Second City members, allowing them to shout out scenarios in which the cast would have to act out at a moments notice.

The six actors have been part of the Second City Touring Company for various years, each following their own comedy path; some going through rigorous training within the Second City training centers, some taking classes elsewhere, then finally auditioning and getting hired within the company. Second City touring member Dana Quercioli, who has had six years of experience within the troupe, three of which have been with the Touring Company, states that it is not an easy task to be admitted into this cornerstone of comedy that has housed the likes of Tina Fey and Chris Farley. "Getting into a group like Second City is never easy. You have to train



Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Second City visited PUC Friday and succeeded at making the audience laugh and see life from a completely honest point of view.

a lot, and perform as much as possible to get yourself out there. When the time comes to audition, there are as many as 700 people trying to get a spot, but only two or three people are hired."

Second City is a fun escape from the comedy clubs that many people have gone to and each of the six members truly enjoys what they do. Musical Director Bryan

Dunn states, "This company isn't like a stand-up club, we don't heckle people and not everything is pre-meditated. You never know what is going to happen, and everything is different, no night is ever the same."

The Second City Touring Company keeps the audience on their toes, throwing out skit after skit of sometimes raunchy, take-no-

prisoners comedy. This Company doesn't care what the audience's personal beliefs are, because they are going to give them a chance to look at things from a different perspective, something that just may be the ticket for whatever audience has the opportunity to see them next.

Candy selection makes the drive worth while

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

Albanese Candy Factory features two things setting it apart from the typical candy store. There's a connection to a factory offering tours and a chocolate waterfall inside the store. Sound too good to be true? It isn't, but don't get too excited. It's not as glorious as it sounds.

The "educational and fun" candy manufacturing tour consists of following a path along the inside of the store while looking through several windows. Photography is prohibited and all that's offered is pushing buttons to view a video proclaiming how fantastic the tour is.

When thinking of a chocolate waterfall, do not expect an attraction right out of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". The store's chocolate waterfall is a chocolate stream traveling through a column. Though interesting and certainly unique, it's not a mind-blowing experience.

The real reason to come to Albanese Candy Factory is the immense selection of candy and chocolate. The gummi candies, made right in the factory, are the biggest attraction. According to the brochure, they offer wholesale pricing to the public and the gummi products are manufactured 35,000 pounds per 8-hour shift, shipping millions of pounds annually.

Some shapes include bears, worms, jets, army guys, coke bottles, rings and fish to name a few. The store's gummi flavors include green apple, ornerly orange, pop-



Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Albanese candy factory offers a mediocre tour, but the real reason to head that way is the variety of chocolate and candy that will satisfy any sweet tooth.

pin' pineapple, bodacious banana and peach. The gummies are fat-free and, like the other candies and chocolates, come in regular or sugar free. Albanese Candy Factory boasts their candies and chocolates are sold to more than

3,000 retailers, including Disney, Wal-Mart, Marshall Field and Fannie May.

There are many places to satisfy a candy or chocolate craving besides Albanese Candy Factory. Hobart is a long trip for some and

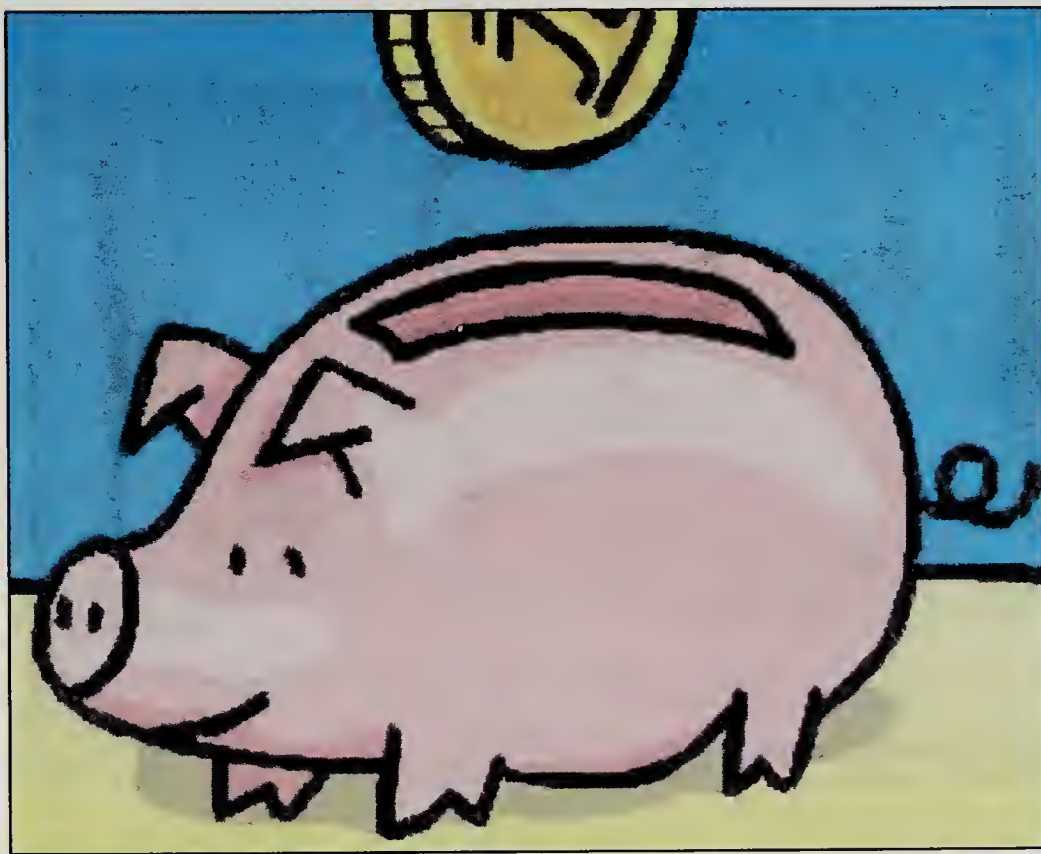
the promise of gourmet gummies may not be worth it. If a local store stops carrying a favorite candy though, chances are very good Albanese Candy Factory will have it. The "factory tour" does offer a chance to look through windows

and see conveyer belts, guides, plastic sealers and other machines in action, but those devices can be seen in much more detail on television shows like "How It's Made" or "Modern Marvels". What brings customers back will be whether they enjoy the selection.

Along with candy and chocolate, there are few other items such as stuffed animals, postcards, knickknacks and various souvenirs. Again, there are closer places to find candy and chocolate, they differ because a person can see where their candy is made before buying it.

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Use common 'cents' to improve monthly budget



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There are many ways to help improve a monthly budget and that doesn't have to mean having no life. Try out these simple tips and watch for improvements.

Julia Toles
Staff Writer

"Money is the root to all evil" is a quote that is known around the world. However, money seems to be the one thing that people need

the most. It is an essential tool to survival.

Money is needed for food, clothes, homes and just about everything else on this planet. Everything except for love, that is. Money may be plentiful for a select few, average for many and barely there for most. There's plenty of

ways to boost levels from barely to average. It just takes planning and cutting back.

Providing a comfortable life relies on money management. People exceed monthly income with credit debt every month and it isn't hard to do. Budgeting is a great tool for solving this problem.

Many are incapable of responsible budgeting. This might be because of the bombarding of advertising. People are constantly confusing wants and needs thanks to the media.

*One tool to solve this epidemic is checking out an issue of "BusinessWeek". It can be found on Yahoo and gives 25 tips on ways to save money.

*Track all expenses made in a month. There are many ways to achieve this. Some keep receipts of all purchases, or simply mark down the amounts of purchases made in a month. At the end of the month, tally all expenses up to see if it exceeded the budget.

*Cut back on eating out. The amount spent on a restaurant for two days can buy groceries for an average household for four days. Depending on what types of food and prices, some may be able to feed families for a week on a \$50 budget according to fiveminutesformom.com.

*Downsizing a car is a huge money-saver with gas prices soaring. Some may want to sell the gas-guzzling SUV's for something more fuel efficient. For the middle and lower classes it may be best to buy used cars. There's no point in getting a new car on credit when the value depreciates anyway.

*Deposit money automatically into a savings or investment account. This makes money less accessible and therefore harder to

spend.

*Cut down on utility bills by turning off the air conditioning when the house is empty.

*Making sure lights are off when they're not being used.

*Last but not least, don't look down on a store like Walmart. It's a great store with discount pricing, but with so much offered it's tempting to buy more than originally planned. This is where self control must be practiced.

Saving may be difficult because of the constant advertising in this society, but it is well worth the wait!

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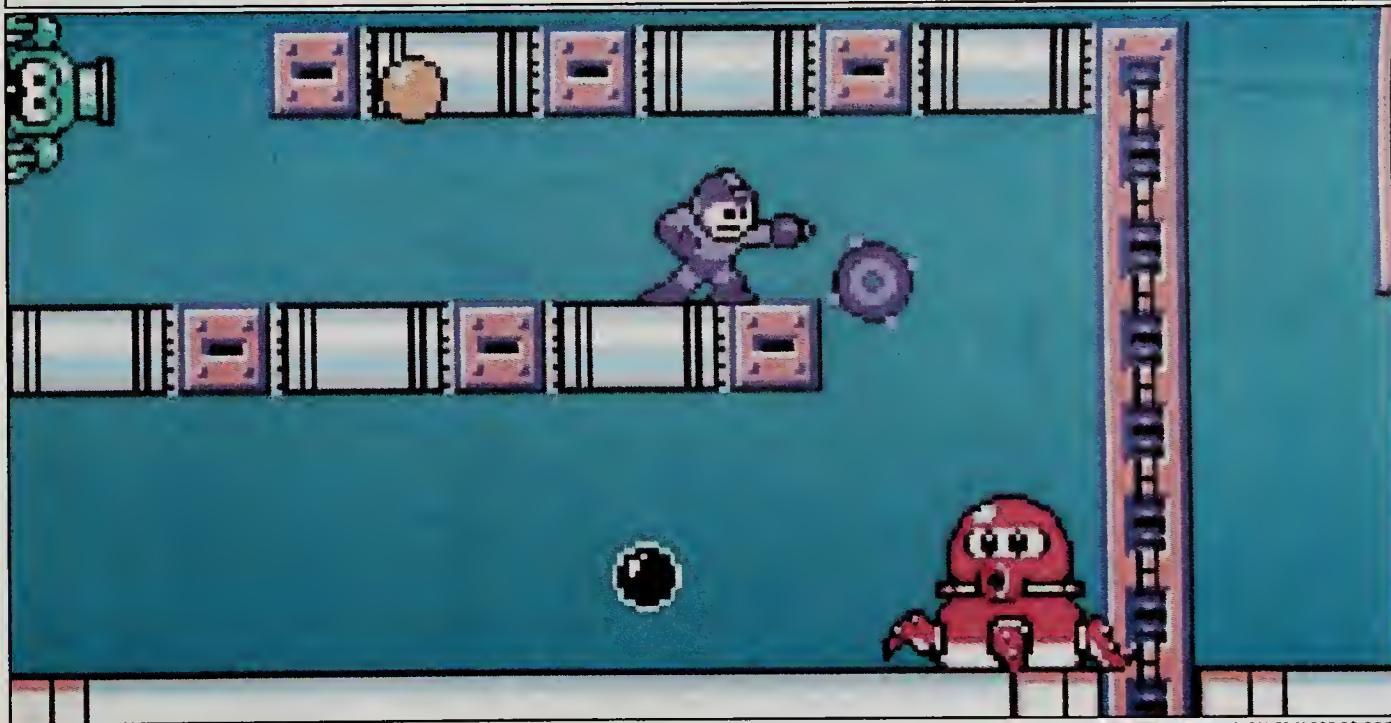
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'Megaman' brings back old memories and new challenges



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"Megaman 9" has graphics composable to the old version, but presents new challenges to experienced gamers that will take time and patience to master.

Jonathan Beller
Correspondent

The celebrated blue bomber blasts his way back into living rooms. Game developer Capcom has set out to please old school

gamers everywhere with the release of "Mega Man 9". Delivering the 8 bit and 2-D goodness, MM9 will leave gamers to question why the industry ever left side scrolling adventures in the first place.

The last entry in the series was "Mega Man 8," which released in February of 1997. Due to the over-

whelming fanfare, Capcom has now decided to release the retro style "Mega Man 9".

Seth Killian, Senior Manager of Community Forums of Capcom states "rather than looking for specific thoughts from fans, I'd have to say this game itself is basically fan-driven. It's pretty clear that

without the kind of deep fan love for Mega Man, and Capcom's respect for those feelings, an idea this crazy would have just been laughed out of the room."

Okay, young whippersnappers playing "Halo 3" and "Gears of War", a dare is presented to undertake a real challenge. Beat "Mega Man 9". That's right. "Mega Man 9" will punish and crush gaming spirit. This game is hard just like the classics were. For those who are old enough to remember.

Why so hard? Unforeseeable enemies pop up spewing bullets, spikes of death, and last but not least, the level design. The levels are so well put to together that Capcom has assured the blue bombers death to be a constant.

One level will have players, in consecutive fashion, shooting lava turning it into platforms while leaping across them in a matter of seconds.

It took at least five to ten tries before this was accomplished. Why? It was all down to the timing of the lava. Those who tend to make mental errors will not be shown mercy here.

If it weren't for the checkpoints, gamers would be absolutely demoralized upon each death. If the player had to start at the beginning of the level every time they died, it would have made this game very hard to enjoy.

Though "Mega Man 9" is dripping in 8 bit righteousness, the game will feature downloadable content in October. The first DLC to be available is Time Attack mode. Players will play a stage without an end. If they feel they have mastered the game, all they'll have to do is download more difficult settings.

The last bit of DLC is a big one for "Mega Man" fans. Players can download the ability to play through "Mega Man 9" as Proto Man. Proto Man comes complete with different abilities. Allowing players to slide, not run their way to victory.

"Mega Man 9" is everything the classic 2D adventures were. This title is tough and a great break from today's games that tend to hold players' hands. A gamer with an ego better let it go when playing this game.

"Mega Man 9" is available on the Wii, Xbox 360, and PS3 consoles.

What percentage of Happy Meals make up McDonald's sales?

Last week's answer: medicine

weekly trivia

Destination on a dime

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

Nashville may seem like a long trip from Northwest Indiana, but it's not.

Nashville, Ind. -- also referred to as little Nashville-- is located in Brown County and is one of the best surprises in the state. Tucked away between the many hills of the southern portion of the Hoosier state, the town offers hours of entertainment in shopping, antiques, shows, paintball, food and miniature golf.

This cozy town's store owners boast about shoppers getting in the aisles for hours. Many stores have individual themes. Bear Paws Acres is a shop dedicated to teddy bears of different sizes, shapes and styles.

Bone Appetite Bakery specializes in homemade dog treats as well as collars and toys. Many different flavors are available. Fun treats are available, like dog donuts and bagels.

Unique Candles is just what it sounds like. Candles come in all shapes and sizes with different scents.

The Celtic Cottage is a store selling all Celtic merchandise. The store has shirts, sweatshirts, jewelry, blankets and much more.

Wedding Loft Chapel served as a chapel for small weddings and

sits on the top level of Calvin Place Shopping. It was a favorite choice for many couples looking for a small ceremony. Ceremonies are no longer performed at the chapel, but it is still open for tours and remains popular among tourists. Wedding accessories are still sold at the chapel and it's a great place to find one-of-a-kind guest books and decorations.

Nashville has great selections for food. Holy Cow restaurant is a family style restaurant with burgers, sandwiches and salads. Sweetwater Gallery and Dag's Ice Cream Shop both offer ice cream in many different flavors. Sweetwater Gallery also has fresh waffle cones.

The Little Nashville Opry is a regular tourist site attracting top country artists annually. Ray Stevens, the Oak Ridge Boys and Lorrie Morgan all performed there in 2008.

Nashville offers options for fans of outdoor recreation. Valley Branch Retreats offers ATV rentals and paintball. Cabins can be rented, as well.

This two-hour drive is well worth the wait. So, head down south this weekend. Worst case scenario: all you get is amazing ice cream.

Check it out at:
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This week in the Yyear

YJeanChambers

TUE	9.30	3-4pm	Call back session to finish cast calls
WED	10.1	4-5pm	Continuing call backs
THUR	10.2	7-8pm	Call backs (last day)



Anyone who missed last week should come

Attempt at Chicago style taste fails



Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Chicago Pizza has the relaxing atmosphere of a Chicago restaurant and great prices, but lacks the taste that makes it memorable.

Emmy Eveland
Correspondent

Italian décor, quiet dining, simple food, and a laid back feel is what Chicago Pizza in Schererville is all about. While the atmosphere is satisfying, the food is far from it.

The atmosphere was noticed upon arrival. The furniture is simplistic. There are red booths and tables with red and white checkered tablecloths. Some of the booths have hamburger joint-style revolving stools. The décor includes simple Italian pictures with pale green walls. Everything inside is quaint and comfortable.

A friendly and talkative server gave a warm greeting. She took drink orders immediately as we looked over the menu. The variety of the menu was surprising for such a small place. It has items ranging from appetizers, sandwiches, salads, pasta, seafood and calzones. And, of course, pizza.

As Phil Collins crooned to us out of the speakers, we decided on the garlic knots. The description implied they would be a cross between a bread stick and garlic bread. This was not so.

When the server brought them out laughter had to be held back. There were three, like ordered, and they were about the size of a thumb and lying in an oily garlic sauce. They were only \$1.25, so it was expected. They succeeded in little satisfaction and left a nasty aftertaste.

After finishing the garlic knots, which took less than ten seconds, a medium pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms was ordered. At Chicago Pizza, there is no small size for pizza. They go from personal (10 in.), medium (12 in.), large (14 in.) and extra large (18 in.). The prices range from \$7.95 for a personal to \$15.95 for an extra large.

While waiting for our pizza, the temperature became noticeable. At first, it was cool and com-

fortable. The air conditioning kept kicking on and the room would get very cold.

There were many windows along the walls looking onto route 41 and some outside tables. The lighting came from red hanging lamps and the whole place took on a Steak'n Shake-goes-Italian vibe.

20 minutes later, the server brought out the pizza. It was extremely greasy, but what's a pizza without grease? The pie was mediocre at best. It tasted nothing like Chicago style pizza, if that's what they intended.

The prices were very reasonable and the atmosphere is relaxed. So, if looking for a place for okay pizza for the right price, this would be a good bet.

3/5 Overall Stars
★★★★★

Jackson shows his dark side in 'Lakeview'

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

"Lakeview Terrace", released September 19, takes place in Los Angeles, California where Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson) is an LAPD officer and strict single father of a 15 year old daughter and 10 year old son. He is also the self appointed neighborhood watch patrol in Lakeview Terrace. A young interracial couple, Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa Mattson (Kerry Washington), move into their first home next door to Abel.

Abel is raising his children by very strict standards and he disapproves of any bad behavior in the neighborhood. The interracial couple is happy to move into their California dream home, only to find themselves the target of their volatile next-door neighbor, a racist LAPD officer. Abel believes that Chris and Lisa are bad influences on his children, and he decides to harass them until they move.

Newlyweds Chris and Lisa seem like they have the perfect marriage and now, with their new home in the exclusive community

Lakeview Terrace, the perfect life as well, but things soon turn ugly in the posh neighborhood when they begin to receive threats from their neighbor Abel. He becomes increasingly hostile toward the innocent pair, going to great lengths to force them out of their home.

What starts as an attitude problem soon morphs into full-on harassment, and before long, the couple finds that their worries go far beyond their property values or the encroaching California wildfire burning in view of their community and they begin to fear for their lives. Someone deliberately damages the air conditioning unit and slashes all four of Chris' tires. Chris tries to make a truce with Abel, but Abel is determined to get rid of them. After Abel crosses the line, Chris and Lisa begin to fight back and the situation escalates.

The gradually escalating campaign of harassment, humiliations and payback sounds create the exact drama effect desired. It keeps the excitement going by bringing on the mortal home-invasion peril like so many more formulaic thrillers. The movie was very identifiable in regards to interracial relationships. There is also an approaching fire that is, of



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Samuel L. Jackson delivers a powerful character in "Lakeview." He succeeds at terrorizing the neighbors and chilling the audience.

course, symbolic of the increased tension.

The dialogue and personalities establish the common emotion that are expected to jump from character to character. The excellent Washington ably fills out a character who's less than fully sketched but it is enjoyable to see him grow in skills and versatility

over the years.

This flick is recommend to anyone looking for the classic story of good versus evil, or the typical stereotype of interracial relationships conflicts.

Lakeview Terrace is a Drama, thriller/crime, running time is approximately 1hr 46mins. This movie is rated PG-13 for intense

thematic material, violence, sexuality, language and some drug reference.

3/5 Overall Stars
★★★★★

Police Blotter

09.19.08 – SFLC – Unknown Time

Lost/Stolen Property - The cart loaded with Chronicle Newspapers was missing from the west dock of the SFLC building. There are no leads or suspects at this time
Open

09.22.08 – UV– 1:30 a.m.

Criminal Trespass - Police officers were called to University Village because of a verbal altercation. During the investigation it was found out that an unregistered guest was staying in this room for the weekend. The female guest was issued a no trespass order and escorted from the building
Closed

09.23.08 – Lawshe – 1:00 p.m.

Theft - Victim set her phone into her backpack and later found it missing
Closed

09.23.08 – UV – 9:26 p.m.

Disturbance - Ex-boyfriend took property from ex-girlfriend
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09.24.08 – Purdue PD – 11:00 a.m.

Information - Property was returned to victim after eviction
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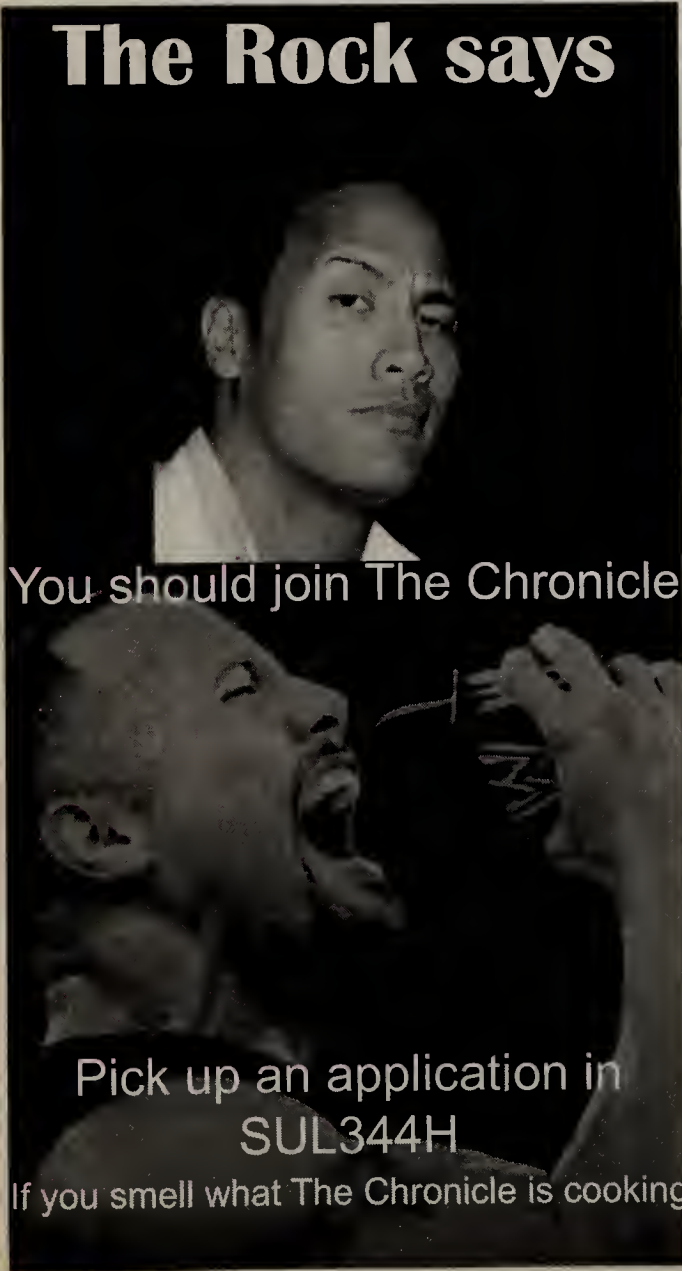
09.25.08 – Gyte – 11:00 a.m.

Theft - Victim advised that she left her cell phone on the desk and when she went to get, the item was no longer there. No listed suspects or leads
Closed

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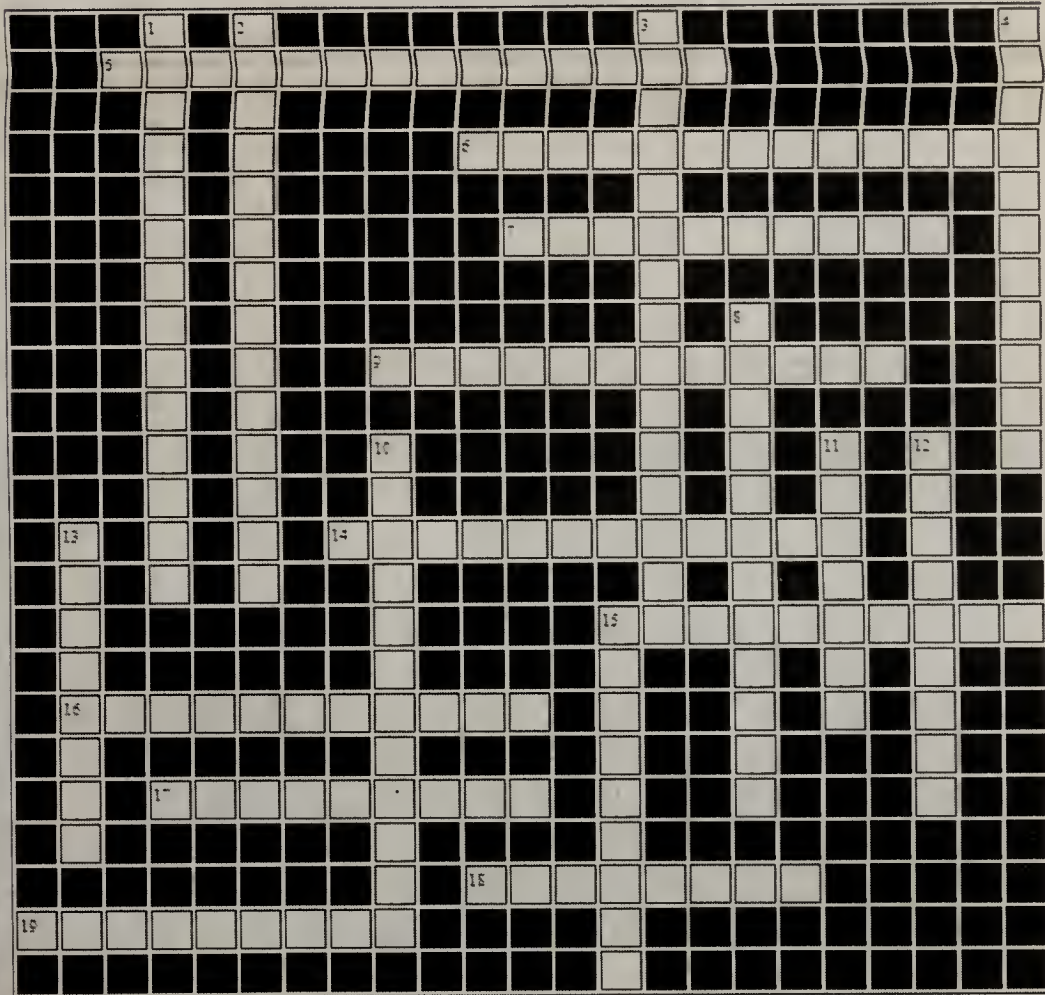
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- 6. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."
- 7. "I'd rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I am not."
- 9. "Bad artists copy. Good artists steal."
- 14. "Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets."
- 15. "Not everybody trusts paintings but people believe photographs."
- 16. "We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated."
- 17. "Being first lady is the hardest unpaid job in the world."
- 18. "Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do."
- 19. "All you need is ignorance and confidence and the success is sure."

Down

- 1. "An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind."
- 2. "I figure the faster I pedal, the faster I can retire."
- 3. "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."
- 4. "Excuse me while I kiss the sky."
- 8. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
- 10. "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
- 11. "Our country's founders cherished liberty, not democracy."
- 12. "Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war."
- 13. "The mountains are calling and I must go."
- 15. "Wit is educated insolence."

Hammond Weather



Monday
September 29
Isolated T-storms
74°/53°



Tuesday
September 30
Few Showers
65°/46°



Wednesday
October 1
Partly Cloudy
58°/43°



Thursday
October 2
Partly Cloudy
61°/47°



Friday
October 3
Sunny
68°/50°



Saturday
October 4
Sunny
68°/53°



Sunday
October 5
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Ultimate Fighting hits mainstream TV

Saturday, Oct. 4 on CBS



Ken Shamrock
5'11"
205 lbs
44-years-old
MMA Record: 26-13-2

Kimbo Slice
6'2"
240 lbs
34-years-old
MMA Record: 3-0

Chronicle illustration

Casey Brandon Staff Writer

Fighter Kevin Ferguson also known as Kimbo Slice takes on his biggest opponent yet, in Ken Shamrock on Oct 4. The match will headline a number of matches to be broadcasted by CBS.

This heavyweight bout pits Shamrock, considered one of the all-time greats, against Ferguson, the young, up and coming star.

Getting his start as a back yard

brawler, Ferguson, has since taken his skills to the world of ultimate fighting. So far, Ferguson is 3-0, his last win taking place in England against James Thompson. Ferguson also gained much fame from YouTube.com, many of his fights being viewed before he went professional.

Shamrock was one of the sports biggest draws in his stint in ultimate fighting from 1993 to 1996. Shamrock, who is 44-years-old, has not had a good record of

late losing his last five matches. Shamrock's last win came against Kimo Leopoldo four years ago. Shamrock's career record is 26 wins, 13 losses and two draws.

Shamrock's wins include two TKOs, 22 submissions and two decisions.

In 1996, Shamrock left ultimate fighting to pursue a career as a professional wrestler. Coming back in 2000, Shamrock hasn't recaptured the success he saw early on in his career.

Known as a master of submission, Shamrock's fighting technique and prowess will surely pose a challenge to Ferguson, more known for his brawling ability.

Ferguson has never gone up against, at least in the MMA, a fighter with the stature of Shamrock. Ferguson though, is 10 years the junior to Shamrock. Shamrock is looking increasingly past his prime.

Other fights expected to be aired are the bouts Andrei Arlovski

vs Roy Nelson, Gina Carano vs Kelly Kobald, Jake Shields vs Paul Daley and Murilo Rau vs Benji Radach.

The match between Arlovski and Nelson is another heavy-weight match with the competitors having a 13-5-0 and 13-2-0 respectively. While the match between Carano and Kobald is a female bout at the 140 pound weight class.



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Quote of the week

“Lou, these people have been sober for 100 years. They need a drink.”



Cubs chairman Crane Kenney to manager Lou Piniella

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REC Center hours extended

Odie Gray
Staff Writer

The REC Center will implement longer hours to accommodate students.

Starting Oct. 6, the REC Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Monday through Thursday), 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Saturday), and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday).

Coordinator John Bobalick said it would help increase participation, especially with the increase of intramural sports activities and returning students. The new hours will be sure to upsurge the REC Center's membership.



Bobalick

Bobalick has headed the fitness facility since 1986. He said now more than ever the REC Center should be able to provide students with the most efficient and beneficial support to help enhance, sculpt and shape their bodies while offering advice on nutrition and eating habits to help stay healthy.

"Twenty-one dollars and some change can hire you a personal trainer for the semester," Bobalick said.

He praised his staff, commending them for always being on the floor, giving assistance to new and old members alike. They help members with setting up workout schedules and making sure their members exercise properly to increase results.

The REC Center is equipped with a variety of different workout machines from treadmills and bench presses, to an open gym where students can play basketball and volleyball in one of three squash courts.

If interested, call (219) 989-2175 or go to the REC Center located on 173rd Street across the street from SUL.

NATIONAL LAMP SPORTS MINUTE

The Detroit Lions finally fired Matt Millen. He's the city's most famous jobless citizen since Ben Wallace's barber.

The U.S. Olympic dressage team had its fourth-place finish in Beijing stripped when a horse tested positive for drugs. As if that weren't bad enough, new reports are suggesting that the horse was actually a 13-year-old Chinese girl.

The Red Sox clinched the team's fifth playoff berth in the last six seasons while simultaneously eliminating the Yankees. Boston residents were so excited, they almost forgot that Tom Brady doesn't have a knee.

Roger Clemens was reportedly "heartbroken" when the Yankees left him out of their Stadium-farewell festivities. The franchise is hoping to make it up to him later by allowing him to demolish the stadium with his reputation.

General manager Omar Minaya and the Mets have agreed to a four-year contract extension. Because if the ship is going down, why not make sure the captain is chained to the hull?

Embattled NBA referee Tim Donaghy will report to a prison in Florida. While there, he'll give point-shaving tips to Bobby Bowden's newest recruiting class.

The Yankees are currently selling several shower stall doors from their old clubhouse. Because if there's anyone who knows about being washed up, it's the New York Yankees.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

Intramural Schedule:

Sunday, Sept. 28
Floor Hockey
Deadline

Monday, Sept. 29
4-on-4 Flag Football
7:00 p.m.
Location PUC Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 30
Open Play Floor
Hockey
8:00 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym

Thursday, Oct. 2
Co-ed Volleyball
7:15 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym



Cubs start playoff push



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

*Go Cubs Go!
Go Cubs Go!
Hey Chicago, what do you say?*

*The Cubs are gonna win today
They've got the power
They've got the speed
To be the best in the National League*

Doesn't it seem like forever ago when Dusty Baker was manning the Cubs' ship while gnawing on his toothpick? My favorite "Dustyism" was when he said he didn't like batters to walk because it clogged up the base paths, and yes, that man still has a managerial job in baseball. The Corey Patterson, Mark Prior and LaTroy Hawkins era seems like eons ago.

Enter crazy Uncle Lou Piniella and his NL Central champion Chicago Cubs: The deepest and most talented team in the National League. A starting rotation that gave Piniella a great problem to have entering the playoffs: Who should start Game 1 and how will the rotation be set out following that?

Piniella has pulled all the right strings since coming to Chicago and with the help general manager Jim Hendry has created, shall we say, a Cubs dynasty. Hey, two years in a row in the playoffs for a Chicago team baseball constitutes some sort of string of excellence. You don't have to be drinking Cubbie Kool-Aid to realize that this team will continue to dominate the NL Central for years to come with its pitching staff.

But, next year is here.

Ryan Dempster, a 17-game winner this season, will start Game 1 against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday and his dominance at Wrigley this season bodes well for a team that really struggled last season in Arizona in the playoffs against the Diamondbacks.

So if the bats come alive against Game 1 starter Derek Lowe (14-11) on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., the sails could be set for the best-of-five series against Joe Torre's Dodgers. The bats' of Aramis Ramirez, Derrek Lee and Alfonso Soriano will be the key for a team looking to win its first pennant in 63 years.

The 97 wins that the Cubs bring into the playoffs means nothing once the first pitch is thrown. The first game will be huge in this series, because the Cubs still haven't won a playoff game since the Bartman debacle in 2003.

If the first game is taken care of and the Cubs continue to play like they have all year, the fans can add an "SC" to the blue "W" flags they fly after wins. The "WSC" meaning World Series Champs.

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Monday - Thursday
5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

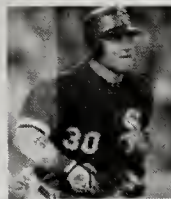
Ryan Metz's Weekly High Five

Biggest Chicago baseball busts in 2008



1 Kosuke Fukudome

The highly ballyhooed Fukudome arrived in the States after signing with the Cubs in the off-season for a four-year, \$48 million contract. Fukudome got off to a hot start, including a dramatic homer in the opener, but has cooled in the second half and never caught his second wind.



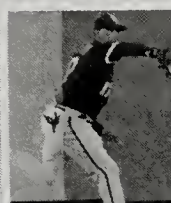
2 Nick Swisher

Swisher's boisterous personality hasn't translated into production on the field. Acquired in the off-season for three minor leaguers, the Sox stuck Swisher into centerfield, where he has played mediocre defensively coupled with the fact his average has stayed in the low .200s.



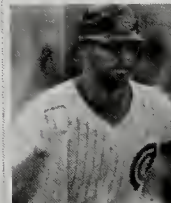
3 Javier Vazquez

Vazquez's overall talent would suggest that he would be a team's ace, however, his lack of honing the mental capacity of pitching has produced bad results. For every outing he goes out and throws a gem, he'll come back the next game and throw a dud, and there has been plenty in '08.



4 Ken Griffey Jr.

Sox GM Ken Williams wanted Griffey when he was the pretty girl, popular girl in high school, problem is, Griffey, acquired in a trade in mid-season, now is the 42-year-old mother of five who doesn't quite do it for you anymore. He can't roam centerfield like his old days and his bat is slow as well.



5 Derrek Lee

The former slugger is now a batting average guy who has produced low power numbers the past couple of seasons. His 2005 numbers, where he produced 46 home runs are long gone, and he's had a tendency to hit into double plays in the clutch this season.

Condes gorges himself to victory



Chronicle photos by Rick Balutewicz

Competitors stare at boxes of Twinkies before the eating competition held last Tuesday. The winner ate 11 Twinkies in two minutes beating out 13 other participants.



(Left) Winner, Sam Condes eats one of the 11 Twinkies. (Right) Condes poses with Twinkie the Kid and intramural coordinator Matt Dudzik.



Marvin Jackson
Chronicle Correspondent

This event was not your status quo of sports. There was no spread, no over-under, nor a trifecta.

But one thing was found at this intramural Twinkie eating competition Tuesday night: A synergic atmosphere that you could see in the smiles on the faces of the onlookers, and in the nerves in the stomachs of the participants.

The competitor's eyes were almost certainly larger than their stomachs. Some challengers claiming they could eat all 900 Twinkies.

The winner, Sam Condes, a junior from Calumet City, Ill. imagined that he could eat 20 total Twinkies, but when the buzzer sounded to mark the end of the allotted two minutes of regulation, Sam finished with 11, which was five more than his nearest competitor.

He carries the Twinkie eating belt home with him to Illinois, but he is more inter-

ested in winning the bench press title. He's been body building for two years now and can bench an impressive 315 pounds.

This was Condes first eating competition, but not his first intramural event. As a matter of fact, Sam owned up to not preparing at all for the Twinkie eating competition.

"The only thing on his mind was to dunk the sponge cake in water which would aid in the digesting, and make the Twinkies go down a bit smoother," Condes said, referring to his gameplan going into the event.

Condes beat out 13 other competitors in the event. Participants had the first 10 Twinkies (1 whole box) unwrapped to start the event. After they ate those 10 they had to unwrap each Twinkie individually.

He did complain that before the two minutes were up, he had problems unwrapping the Twinkies because they began to become slimy.

A total of 1500 Twinkies (150 boxes) were bought for the event and the promotion of the event.

For video of the competition visit pucchronicle.com

There's only one October



Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

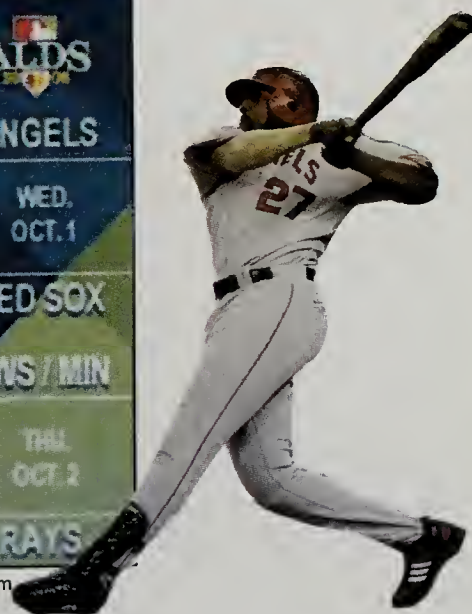
The leaves are starting to fall, and October is right around the corner. That means it's time for the Major League Baseball playoffs to start. After an exciting 2008 with many milestone moments and memories, this post season is shaping up to be truly unforgettable.

National League

NLDS: **Chicago Cubs** (National League Central Champion) VS **Los Angeles Dodgers** (Na-



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tional League West Champion)

The Run Down: The Cubs have looked better than ever this season, and many Cubs' fans believe that this is "the year". However, the Joe Torre led Dodgers have turned around since the acquisition of veteran slugger Manny Ramirez. Timely hitting and solid pitching might mean another year of waiting for Cubs fans.

Key to the Cubs' victory: SP Carlos Zambrano/ SP Rich Harden

Key to the Dodgers' victory: OF Manny Ramirez

Final prediction: Dodgers 3-2

NLDS: **Philadelphia Phillies** (National League East Champions) VS **Milwaukee Brewers**

The Run Down: The Fightin' Phils have fought all year to make it to the playoffs. After a wild finish to last season, they look to advance out of the first round this year. The Brewers have been struggling within the last month, and need some big starts from Ben Sheets and C.C. Sabathia, both of whom are free agents at the end of the year.

Key to the Phillies' victory: 2B Chase Utley

Key to the Brewers' victory: SP Ben Sheets/SP C.C. Sabathia

Final prediction: Phillies 3-0

American League

ALDS: **Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim** (American League West Champions) VS **Boston Red Sox** (American League Wild Card)

The Run Down: The Angels have looked like a World Series contender since Opening Day. A mix of veteran payers with young prospects, a consistent five-man rotation, and a closer who always shuts the door will make it tough for the Red Sox to defend their championship

Key to the Angels' victory: OF Vladimir Guerrero

Key to the Red Sox' victory: OF Jason Bay

Final prediction: Los Angeles 3-2

ALDS: **Tampa Rays** (American League East Champions) VS **Chicago White Sox/ Minnesota Twins** (American League Central Champions)

The Run Down: Neither team was expected to be playing October baseball. Tampa had never even won more than 72 games in a season.

Key to Sox/Twins victory: SP Francisco Liriano/ SP Gavin Floyd

Key to the Rays victory: 3B Evan Longoria

Winner: Tampa Bay 3-1